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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, External Research Staff,
Department of State

SUBJECT: Relations between ERS and EIC
Inventories of Research

1. As a result of the meeting held in my office on 1 October 1953, attended by representatives from your office, the National Science Foundation and the Economic Intelligence Committee, and as a result of further subsequent discussions among interested persons, including yourself, the statement below should guide the activities of the External Research Staff in compiling inventories on foreign area research.

2. Until such time as ERS can produce on a quarterly basis published inventories containing all of the information about economic research (broadly defined) on the Soviet bloc being conducted by government agencies and being sponsored by government agencies, the Economic Intelligence Committee will continue compilation and publication of such inventories. In the meantime, to avoid duplication of effort and an undesirable burden on persons conducting such research, ERS should refrain from making inquiry of government agencies concerning such research.

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